

What I claim is:

1. A method of cleaning a surface comprising the step of wiping the surface with a fabric constructed from polyester fiber, wherein the fabric has been heat set at a temperature of from 180° to 300° F and the fiber has not been heated above 300° F.

5 2. The method of Claim 1 wherein the fabric is woven or knitted from continuous filament, polyester yarn.

3. The method of Claim 2 wherein the fabric has been presaturated with a solvent and sealed in a package prior to being used to wipe the surface, and the fabric has a particle count of particles greater than 0.5 microns of 75 million particles per square
10 meter or less as measured by Biaxial Shake Test IEST-RP-CC004.2.

4. The method of Claim 3 wherein the fabric is heat set at a temperature of from 200° to 275° F, and the fiber has not been heated above a temperature of 275° F.

5. The method of Claim 2 wherein the fabric has an unlaundered particle count of particles greater than 5 microns of less than 25 million/m², as measured by Biaxial Shake
15 Test (IEST-RP-CC004.2).

6. The method of Claim 2 wherein the fabric has been sealed in a package while dry, prior to being used to wipe the surface.

7. The method of Claim 6 wherein the fabric has a particle count of particles greater than 0.5 microns of 30 million particles per square meter or less as measured by Biaxial Shake Test IEST-RP-CC004.2.

8. The method of Claim 7 wherein the fabric is heat set at a temperature of from 200° to 275° F, and the fiber has not been heated above a temperature of 275° F.

9. The method of Claim 1 wherein the surface is selected from the group consisting of an automobile body or component thereof, and semiconductor or pharmaceutical cleanrooms.

10. A method of manufacturing a wiper comprising the steps of:

- (a) weaving or knitting a fabric from continuous filament, textured, polyester yarn;
- (b) heat setting the fabric at a temperature of from 180° to 300° F;
- (c) cutting the fabric to form a wiper; and
- (d) sealing the wiper in a package;

wherein the yarn has not been heated above a temperature of 300° F.

11. The method of Claim 10 wherein the wiper is presaturated with a solvent prior to being sealed in the package.

12. The method of Claim 11 wherein the wiper has a particle count of particles greater than 0.5 microns of 75 million particles per square meter or less as measured by Biaxial Shake Test IEST-RP-CC004.2.

13. The method of Claim 10 wherein the wiper is laundered prior to being sealed in the package.

14. The method of Claim 10 wherein the wiper is dry when sealed in the package.

15. The method of Claim 14 wherein the wiper has a particle count of particles greater than 0.5 microns of 30 million particles per square meter or less as measured by Biaxial Shake Test IEST-RP-CC004.2.

16. The method of Claim 10 wherein the wiper is heat set at a temperature of from 200° to 275° F, and the yarn has not been heated above a temperature of 275° F.

17. An article comprising a fabric wiper constructed of continuous filament polyester yarn, wherein the fabric has been heat set at a temperature of from 180° to 300° F, and the fabric has not been heated above a temperature of 300° F.

18. The article of Claim 17 further comprising a sealed package containing the wiper.

19. The article of Claim 18 wherein the wiper is saturated with a solvent and wherein the wiper has a particle count of particles greater than 0.5 microns of 75 million particles per square meter or less as measured by Biaxial Shake Test IEST-RP-CC004.2.

20. The article of Claim 18 wherein the wiper is dry and wherein the wiper has a particle count of particles greater than 0.5 microns of 30 million particles per square meter or less as measured by Biaxial Shake Test IEST-RP-CC004.2.

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~~21. The article of Claim 17 wherein the fabric wiper has an unlaundered particle count of particles greater than 5 microns of less than 25 million/m², as measured by Biaxial Shake Test IEST-RP-CC004.2.~~

22. The article of Claim 17 wherein the fabric wiper is heatset at a temperature of
5 from 225°-265° F.

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